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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, on a report by the J-5 for the JCS Meeting, Wednesday, 29 July 1959, Item No. 5

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Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning

Background - On 11 July Mr. Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, forwarded a letter to the JCS requesting their recommendations for additional military preparatory measures that may be taken at this time. Further, Mr. Murphy stated that it was believed that the Live Oak staff was considering some "more elaborate" measures that could be implemented at this time.

- On 22 July an interim reply was made to Mr. Murphy with the remarks that: "The Joint Chiefs of Staff have requested the views of Live Oak staff," and "On receipt of General Horstad's reply you will be informed."

- On 23 July USCINCPAC replied to the Chairman, JCS, with a list of forty-five measures that could be taken by the Tripartite Powers. The list of actions were assembled by a Committee composed of French, British and U.S. Officers.

Current Paper - Contains a memo for SecDef that forwards to Mr. Murphy the list of actions, with comments, as contained in USCINCPAC's reply.

Service Comments - The Services are expected to support the paper as written.

Comments and Recommendations - The International Policy Branch, J-5, recommends that the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, support the paper as written.

Opinion as to Recommendations:

Director, J-5 _____ (Concurs) (Non-concurs)

Director, Joint Staff _____ (Concurs) (Non-concurs)

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